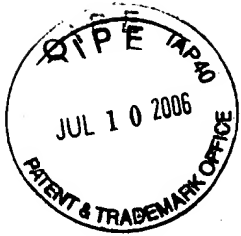


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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed May 1, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment sections of this paper.